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Sea Lice reported out of control

Salmon farms are supposed to treat fish for sea lice when levels rise to an average of three lice per fish. However, Living Oceans Society says that some farms were reporting levels of over 20 lice per fish during the outward migration of this year's juvenile wild salmon. Apparently, the traditional treatments with SLICE and hydrogen peroxide are no longer effective in controlling lice outbreaks.

According to Living Oceans, Marine Harvest markets its Marsh Bay product as sustainably farmed salmon, despite an

uncontrolled infestation of sea lice (23.77 sea lice per salmon in April 2015).

Current Norwegian research is focusing on the use of 'cocktails' of new drugs for lice control, but it appears that these treatments are toxic to shrimp and prawns.

In BC, government is reported to have approved a second open net-pen farm in Clio Channel, in an active shrimp and prawn trawling area. Local fishermen objected, but to no avail. ✉

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